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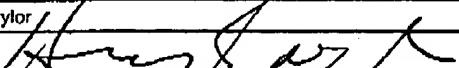
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This is in response to the Restriction/Election Requirement (Paper No. 7) dated July 17, 2003. The Examiner contends that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a composition, classified in class 423, subclass 447.2.
- II. Claims 21-34, drawn to a nanotube, classified in class 423, subclass 447.3.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Claims 1-20 drawn to graphite nanofibers comprised of graphite sheets that are substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the nanofibers.

Applicants thereby authorize the Examiner to cancel claims 21-34 which will be claimed in a divisional application filed on July 22, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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